

SCHOOL DAYS ENDED.

High School Commencement at the Grand Opera House.

TWENTY-NINE PUPILS GRADUATE.

A Pretty Night on the Stage—A Large Audience Present.

The edge of the stage in front of the curtain at the Grand opera house last evening, was a most unusual sight, for there were flowers enough to start a big greenhouse, and daisies—well, there was a line of them extending the full length of the stage. This was a pretty sight and was enjoyed by a vast audience. In fact the Grand was packed from top to bottom.

The occasion of all this was not the appearance of some noted singer, actor, or artist; not an equal suffrage mass meeting or a political convention, but it was an assemblage of the fathers and mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the twenty-nine young men and women who had completed the four year's course at the Topeka high school, and who came to hear the commencement exercises.

Hanging on the curtain fly of the stage was a large banner on which in gold letters appeared the class motto: "Plus Ultra, '94." The juniors occupied the right upper boxes, and the sub-juniors the left upper. They had appropriate banners.

The flowers on the stage were a beautiful sight, but when the second signal bell sounded and the curtain rose, it revealed a much prettier sight. Around in a great hall circle sat the twenty-nine graduates, while directly in front was the mandolin club, consisting of two of the graduating class, Messrs. Frank E. Sheldon and Oscar Charleson, and others from the other mandolin clubs, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Kraemer of the Alhambra Mandolin club.

The girls looked charming in white dresses and long white kid gloves. Many had corsage bouquets, which their admirers had given them. There were fifteen young girls. The boys were there too, and they were sandwiched in among the girls, so that each had an opportunity of keeping a fan in motion. The usual black suit and white tie was their dress, with the exception of one young man, who wore a new light suit, but not patent leather shoes and four-in-hand tie.

The floral tributes presented by friends and relatives were numerous. One young man who received a handsome basket of roses, that he wished he only had the money they cost instead of the flowers.

The Mandolin club played the "Wien Bleibt Wien" march and "Love's Dream After the Ball" in a pleasing way.

Miss Daisy Starr sang a pretty soprano solo, with violin obligato by Miss Marie Norton, and Misses Lottie Johnston and Virgie Payne played the "La Chasse Infernale," which captivated the audience.

Music is always an acceptable variation in a fitting manner. Not only is she a good student, but she is also a good speaker and she made a good appearance before the audience.

The programme was a very long one, and the exercises were creditable.

Marie Brooks's essay was an excellent one.

The three "boxes" that Miss Tausie Capps described were the ballot box, the band-box and the contribution box. Her essay was by far the most spicy and interesting one on the programme.

Clarence Evans told of the ancient paterfamilias and plebeian. The golden age is coming, when the plebeian's home is as close to that of the paterfamilias.

Charles Titus is a forcible speaker, and he delighted the audience with an excellent oration well delivered.

Misses Mattie Cooper, Winnifred Vanderpool and Messrs. Earle Stiles and Ralph McEntire did themselves credit in their orations.

The vaudeville was one of the interesting productions, and Miss Lou Nash was a happy choice for this duty. Her delivery was clear and strong enough to be well heard.

The finest oration, the best delivered of the evening was by Willie Clock. He seemed perfectly at home on the stage and he commanded close attention. His was the class oration, and he argued very forcibly that a college education was very desirable.

Rev. J. B. Thomas gave the class some good advice. He told of Topeka's obligation to the scholars, and the obligation was just as strong from them toward the city. He also said that woman suffrage was coming and that already woman had proved man's equal if not his superior.

R. B. Welch handed out the diplomas to the twenty-nine graduates. He made a speech giving them some good advice.

ILLINOIS POPULISTS.

Resolutions Adopted and Officers Nominated Last Night.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 30.—At the night session of the Populist state convention resolutions were adopted favoring prohibition of the liquor traffic; that women be given equal suffrage with men; that school books be furnished by the state at net cost; endorsing the industrial and political platform adopted by them; favoring government control of railroads; favoring free coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1; an income tax demanding that postal savings banks be established by the government; and that the telegraph and telephone systems be operated by the government; denouncing alien ownership of land and declaring that the same should be prohibited.

The following nominations for state officers were made:

Treasurer, John Randolph, of Fulton county; state superintendent of public instruction, Miss Lavinia Roberts, Pike county; trustees of the University of Illinois, S. C. Fanerquay, of Washash county; T. B. Rhineland, of Effingham county; H. M. Gilbert, of Knox county. The convention adjourned at 12:15 a. m.

Pure blood means good health. Reinforce it with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It purifies the blood, cures Eruptions, Eczema, Scrofula and all diseases arising from impure blood. It recommends itself, J. K. Jones.

A dime salad will be given by Capital Lodge No. 7 Degree Team at their hall, 420 Kansas avenue, Friday evening, June 1. Ice cream and cake will be served.

THE A. R. U. AT EMPORIA.

Objection to Its Endorsement of Lowell.

At a meeting of the local lodge of the American Railway Union at Emporia Saturday evening, a set of resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the industrialists, condemning the action of the government officials at Washington and the authorities at Fort Leavenworth for "imprisoning the men and holding them in bondage without granting them the right of a speedy and impartial trial which the blackest criminal who ever trod American soil is entitled to and to obtain."

Resolutions endorsing the action of Governor Lowell were passed and the Washington affair was thus referred to: "When we see the dastardly attempt to forever crush this sentiment of freedom at the nation's capital, where the rulers of this country have gone to be heard by their servants, and where they, instead of being heard, were imprisoned and prosecuted for the 'awful' crime of treading upon the grass rightfully owned by them, it is verily time for each and every one of us to arise and go to work preserving that valuable gift, 'Freedom,' for which our fathers died."

It has since developed, however, that a large number of members were absent from the meeting, and they feel that an attempt is being made to use the organization as a Populist machine. N. M. Hinchshaw, who was a member of the state board of charities by Lowell's recommendation, was chairman of the committee that reported the obnoxious resolutions. One member said that he would withdraw from the order if it was to be made a Populist adjunct and that he knew a number of others who would follow him.

The American Railway Union is a strictly non-political organization.

IT WAS PERFECTLY AWFUL.

Eight or Ten Times Across the Track Near Peabody.

"I never want to have a closer call to an awful accident than I had an hour ago," said Conductor Henry Marshall of the Santa Fe as he stepped into Clark's hotel at Newton last evening.

"How's that?" "Tell us about it," said a half score of drummers who were sitting around the office waiting for a good yarn.

"Well, it was through the carelessness of the Peabody section gang. A car load of oak ties had been dumped this side of there and the section men pattered around among them until they felt that they had put in a dollar's worth of time and then they hastily suspended work, got on their car and came in to let us pass. They unintentionally left eight or ten of the heavy ties on the track, right square on the road bed."

"I know the foreman, and I am satisfied that it was not purposely done, but it may go hard with him just the same. The engineer was making a run for the Walton Hill and couldn't have stopped if he had tried, so when he saw the ties ahead of him, he gave her another notch and luckily wealed right over them, but it made a man take long breaths and hold them for awhile."

"That was a close call." "The Santa Fe saved a hundred thousand that time, anyhow." "Suppose there's a vacancy or two in the section force," were some of the comments. "Smashed the pilot of her I suppose?" asked the hardware man.

"Well, I can't say it did. For you see the ties were under the rails; but then, as I said, it's as close a call as I care to have," said Marshall, and the meeting silently adjourned.

THE EXCURSION ALL RIGHT.

The Santa Fe Employees Will Soon Decide on Their Picnic.

The matter of the Santa Fe shops excursion has suddenly assumed a new face and the picnic will now materialize. There was a goodly attendance at the meeting at Trade's Assembly hall to discuss it last evening and those present were gratified to hear the report of the committee appointed Saturday, to the effect that:

Mr. Frey had kindly agreed to reduce the excursion rate to fifty cents for the round trip to either Leavenworth, Ottawa or Kansas City and the same to St. Joseph provided the men themselves paid the bridge toll at Atchison of 10, 15 or 25 cents whichever it might be.

A committee of two was appointed to confer with the shop men and find out which place they preferred to visit and another meeting will be held at the hall Friday evening at which the final arrangements will be completed. It is very probable now that the excursion will take place as originally intended on Saturday, June 9th, and will go to either Kansas City or St. Joseph. The men feel much better about their excursion today.

SPIKES AND SPARKS.

Personal Notes Among the Railroad Shops at Topeka.

T. A. Clements of the Santa Fe blacksmith shop is off for a few days because of sickness.

The Santa Fe is making a specialty of its fruit business this year. Its "strawberry special" has taken ninety-one cars of strawberries to Kansas City from Arkansas since the season opened and has but one more car to bring. The watermelons from Texas will soon begin to arrive.

W. H. Thomas of Caldwell, was in the city yesterday. He is a popular Rock Island conductor.

Jesse Cooper of the Santa Fe machine shops is off on sick leave.

George Davidson of the brass foundry at the Santa Fe shops, is going to Colorado on the first of the month on a sixty days vacation.

Santa Fe brakeman A. W. Cameron and wife gone to Colorado for a two weeks' visit with friends.

John Norton late of the Santa Fe paint shop is now operating a vegetable wagon.

ALL ALONG THE LINES.

Railroad News Items Interesting to Railroaders and the Public.

Robert Dunlap, of the Santa Fe law department, is in St. Paul, Minn., attending court.

H. P. F. Smith of P. C. Gay's office, Santa Fe, has gone with his wife to Okaloosa, Iowa, to visit relatives.

Harry Wigham of Raton, N. M., visited the Santa Fe offices yesterday. He is the land commissioner of the Maxwell land grant and reports the country booming and the gold mines flourishing.

A. A. Robinson of Topeka, president of the Mexican Central, is in Bucklin, Mo., attending the suit of a contractor against the Chicago, Santa Fe & California railway, under which name the Santa Fe's Chicago line was built.

Beginning June 1, the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern trains will use the Missouri Pacific tracks from the Leavenworth union depot to South Leavenworth, instead of the Union Pacific tracks. The Wyandotte will also soon have trains run into the Kansas City union depot.

All employees of the Santa Fe railway, excepting those in the general offices, will be paid next Saturday, June 2d. This announcement is made on authority of Treasurer E. Wilder.

F. T. Hendry, passenger agent of the Santa Fe railway in Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting the general offices of the company at this place.

GENERAL RAILROAD NOTES.

Railroads and Railroad Notes Along the Kansas Lines.

O. A. Graham of the Rock Island law department is out over the western division in Kansas today.

Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Rock Island T. J. Anderson is at Ft. Riley today.

Engineer Beeler of the Santa Fe was out yesterday training No. 65 for the road.

Engine No. 793 is in the Santa Fe round house for repairs, and Engineer Wm. Morley and Fireman Frank Furman are loading for a few days.

The politicians are beginning to suddenly take a great interest in the workmen at the Santa Fe shops and round house.

Frank Stahl, who was lately laid off at the Santa Fe paint shop, left yesterday with his family for a two month's visit with relatives in Ohio and Indiana.

Ten more refrigerator cars went into the Santa Fe shops today for repairs.

The Santa Fe runs trains hourly out of St. Joseph today to Lake Country.

The L. T. & S. W. trains left for Leavenworth at 6 o'clock this morning instead of 7:30. Returning it will leave Leavenworth at 5:45. This is for one day only.

George's band practices daily in its cars in the Santa Fe yards. It is a snap for the railroad boys.

MR. NICKERSON'S SALARY.

He Will Be Paid \$12,000 a Year on the Mexican Central.

In his new position as assistant general manager of the Mexican Central, H. R. Nickerson will receive a yearly salary of \$12,000 in American money, which equals about \$18,000 in Mexican money. Mr. Nickerson's salary with the Santa Fe has been \$6,000 a year.

Mr. Nickerson has been with the Santa Fe company twenty-two years and once ran a train when but one train a day passed over the road.

Conferring on a Wreck.

Superintendent A. T. Palmer of the Union Pacific at Kansas City, was in Topeka yesterday in his special car, to meet Rock Island Superintendent W. J. Lawrence, Trainmaster F. C. Smith and Master Mechanic Monkhouse, all of Horton, in conference regarding the wreck of Union Pacific and Rock Island freight cars in the yards here some time ago.

Newspaper Callers.

Yesterday was newspaper day at the Santa Fe general offices and those that called were W. Y. Morgan of the Emporia Gazette, A. P. Riddle of the Minneapolis Messenger and Dell Valentine of the Clay Center Dispatch. Of course they were in on the transportation business.

GOVERNORS CALLED IN

To Settle the Strike of the United Mine Workers.

PITTSBURG, May 30.—A number of consumers and operators of the region surrounding Pittsburgh are making an effort to have the governors of the coal producing states act as a board of arbitration between the operators and the miners.

Telegrams were sent to the governors of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois and Iowa, asking them to form a board whose duties shall be a peaceable and equitable solution of the coal mining strikes.

Favorable responses were received from Governor Patton of Pennsylvania; McKinley of Ohio; Matthews of Indiana; and Jackson of Iowa. All expressed their willingness to serve on such a board if requested. Gov. McCorkle of West Virginia was absent. Gov. Altgeld of Illinois replied that he feared that little could be accomplished as the board could not compel submission on the part of operators who precipitated the strikes.

For the miners President McBride said he believed the miners would be willing to have the matter adjudicated by the gentlemen named.

ST. LOUIS BEER

Gets a Company of Kelly's Men Into Serious Trouble.

St. Louis, May 30.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning Company I, Coxey army, from San Francisco, fought over a can of beer, and a skull crushed while another was seriously hurt. The course of the altercation Pat McDonald struck Mike Reynolds over the head with a club, fracturing his skull and probably fatally injuring him. He was removed to the city hospital, as was also another man who also received a severe clubbing.

RENDS TELEGRAPHERS.

The Fight on Ramsay Said to Have Destroyed Harmony.

DENVER, May 30.—In spite of assurances given that harmony had been restored, it appears the defection of Grand Chief Ramsay may cause a split which will break up the order of telegraphers.

Friends of Ramsay say the election of W. F. Powell as grand chief by a vote of 59 to 56, was accomplished by unfair means. Three principal organizers of the order have threatened to join the American Railway union.

Kansas City and Back \$1.50.

Via Santa Fe Route, Sunday only. June 3rd. Excursion train leaving A. T. & S. F. depot 8:20 a. m. sharp. Inquire of Rowley Bros., W. C. Garvey or Arnold & Son.

Try Phillips' mineral water. It is considered the finest water for the stomach. 612 W. Eighth avenue. Try it.

The State Journal's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

Read the "Wants." Many of them are as interesting as news items. See if it is not so.

Kansas Dental Parlors,

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

MOVES TO LAWRENCE.

The Topeka Coxey Army to March Away Tomorrow.

THE ARMY'S FIRST DAY'S PROGRESS

Will Carry It to the Athens of Kansas—Thence It Will March to Leavenworth.

"Captain" H. H. Artz and the Topeka company of the industrial army will linger in Topeka one day more, General Sanders at Leavenworth is not yet ready for them and last night late he sent Artz this telegram:

"Don't come in the morning. Wait until we are ready to leave. Will let you know in time."

The men had intended until after supper last night to take the L. T. & S. W. train from the Santa Fe depot at 7:30 this morning but the treasurer reported that there was only \$51.67 on hand. This would not quite pay for the transportation, so the men agreed that this sum should be appropriated towards buying tents and camp utensils, and the trip to Leavenworth should be made on foot. It is the present plan of Captain Artz to start out on foot for Lawrence about 7:30 tomorrow morning.

He will telegraph the mayor of Lawrence to "have supper ready." The men will camp over night at the Athens of Kansas and then strike out early Friday morning for Leavenworth, 36 miles away. Artz says there are plenty of places to camp there besides the reservation, and if they can't find a better place he has a friend who will let them stay in his back yard.

This morning two members of Artz's army "dropped out." One of them is the drummer, E. A. Byers, and the other is George Liles. One of them is "expecting his sister," and the other admitted that his courage failed him. This made Commander Artz a trifle indignant and he formed the men up in line and said to them, "If any of you feel homesick now is the time to fall out. You can drop out now and there are plenty more who want to take your place. But if any of you back out after we get to Lawrence we will organize a drum out of camp in no time and we have a drummer and a fife for that purpose. We don't want any homesick people along."

The Army's Banner.

When the army marches out from Topeka it will be under an appropriate banner. This oriflame is in process of construction at the hands of a number of women sympathizers of the Coxey movement. The detail of the banner is not known to Mr. Artz. Today the men are wearing blue badges five inches long and two inches wide, as follows:

COMPANY
A,
INDUSTRIAL
ARMY.
TOPEKA,
KANSAS.

Mr. Artz himself is wearing a gold plated medal presented to him by Frank Radford. The medal bears Captain Artz's name and the title and while not a splendid gem of workmanship from a jeweler's standpoint it is big and shows up like a sore thumb at a thimble party. It was hastily made.

GOVERNOR LEWELLING TALKED.

He Gets No Applause for His Advice to Behave Well at Washington.

The governor was not anxious to see the Topeka company of Sanders' army yesterday afternoon when it marched up to call on him, but Captain Artz decided that he must see them, and he did.

They marched to the state house at 4:30 in command of Lieutenant Foster, while General Artz walked on the sidewalk. The windows of the Santa Fe offices were filled with curious faces as the company marched past and prominent among them was General Manager Frey. The marching men did not even look up.

When the company had "lined up" before the state house steps Governor Lowell came out.

"Give three cheers, boys," said Captain Artz. The governor then started to talk. "Take off your hats!" again commanded Captain Artz. With a sheepish look every man in the company removed his hat. Then the governor got another start.

"Boys," he said, "I haven't much to say. I suppose you have been properly warned to keep off the grass. I understand that you are preparing to take a long journey. I must say, boys, that I regret very much to see Kansas boys going on such a journey, but our sympathies and the sympathies of the party I represent are with the under dog. I doubt very much whether your method is the best one. I think it is much better to settle all these questions by the ballot."

"Oh," they have all been registered," chimed in Artz.

"I hope," continued the governor, "when you get to Washington you will conduct yourselves in such a manner as to not bring disgrace on the cause you represent. I can only say I wish you goodspeed on your way."

No cheer or applause greeted the governor when he closed.

As the governor walked up the steps, Private Secretary Close called out: "The

ARTZ GIVEN A BADGE.

After Which He Makes Remarks to His Command.

Captain H. H. Artz, of Topeka's contribution to the industrial army, was presented with a handsomely engraved badge last night at the Populist league rooms. G. C. Clemens made the presentation speech on behalf of Frank Radford, the donor. He said: "This badge was made by a man who is capable of filling any place in the halls of congress. The workmen of this city should be proud of such a man, and in their behalf I hope Captain Artz will wear this badge."

The engraving on the badge is: "H. H. Artz, Captain Co. A, Industrial Army, Topeka, Kansas."

Captain Artz in reply said: "I accept this beautiful badge on behalf of Company A and promise you that we will take this down to Washington without a particle of stigma attached to it. But if there is an attack on the boys this badge will be found in the thickest of the fight, and it will not be said that you have a captain who did his fighting in the rear."

Captain Artz said that the men who looked at the army "hadn't brains enough to grease a gimlet."

Artz reported that \$51.67 had been collected and asked how many of the company were in favor of walking and saving the money to buy tents. Every man in the company stood up. "Well," said the captain, "then we will walk. Of course I am willing to walk, for I am going to take my bicycle, but I have a notion to send that down on the train and walk with you, boys."

"You have no one to object to your going," he continued, "and when you get up in the morning, you are ready to go or not to go as the case may be, but it is different with me, for when I get up in the morning there is some one who begs me to not go, and I am getting anxious to get started."

DECORATION DAY.

BY WILL C. CAMPBELL.

Bowed by the load and soft the tread
As o'er these mounds we strew
The fragrant flowers that speak of hours
When men were brave and true.
That bring again the martial strain,
Long lines of volunteers.
The favored few, He knoweth well
A mother's silent tears.

Here lie the brave, who died to save
The stars and stripes so dear.
Far from all foes, in sweet repose,
Where homes and hearts draw near.
They hear no more the cannon's roar,
Nor drum nor bugle's call.
Ah! those that fell, He knoweth well
Who notes the sparrow's fall.

No braver men than these, I ken,
E'er met the enemy
At Marathon, or looked upon
Death at Thermopylae.
To do or dare, no matter where,
Such was their simple creed;
They never quailed, and never failed
"Till glory crowned each deed.

One flag now waves o'er fallen braves,
Its honor none dispute.
Each peaceful flower, its foreign seas
Brings homage and salute:
And while above the homes we love
Flut'ring in gladness,
All time shall bring, with every Spring,
Its brightest immortals.

Ye, noble Dead! o'er whom art spread
Unfaded flowers of fame,
To these we pledge our truest bright,
Our land's unsullied name:
The fairest rose, all Nature knows,
We bring to these, today,
And with each flower, is twined this hour,
A nation's praise for aye.

The bird's sweet note doth softly float
O'er distant battle-fields,
And stirs dew o'er grass and blue
Alike, its mantle yields;
So we, today, on Blue and Gray
Alike our flowers bestow.
Thus honor to all loyal Blue
And grace to fallen foes.

No bugle's blast nor buried past
Shall stir to strife today,
Though eyes grown dim still look to Him
Their grief to take away.
The loving heart doth lend its part
To decorate the sod.
To drop the tear for those so dear
And leave the rest with God.

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Not Like a Man.

LONDON, May 30.—Miss Frances Willard announced that owing to the financial stress in the United States she returns to the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union her last two years' salary which she has received as president of that organization.

A Cleveland "Army"

CLEVELAND, May 30.—Robert C. Macaulay, recently a member of Sullivan's commonwealth army, has started an army of his own in this city, and has enrolled 74 recruits.

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